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Further information on UA 277/92 (AFR 57/07/92, 4 September 1992) - Fear of torture and new concern Legal concern

TOGO: Captain Ezzo Charles Pello, aged 40, secretary of the Togolese Armed Forces and former head of the Intelligence Services

Captain Ezzo Charles Pello is reported to have been freed from detention by mid-September 1992. Some sources have reported that President Eyadéma told some officials that Captain Pello had indeed been freed, but also that he had earlier been subjected to torture. Upon his release he was apparently transferred to Landja military camp for medical treatment. Landja military camp is near the town of Kara where he had been previously detained and tortured by the Gendarmerie nationale (para-military police force).

On 1 October 1992, a representative of the Togolese President delivered a letter apparently signed by Captain Pello to Amnesty International. It was primarily a refutation of rumours in Togo that he had died.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- welcoming reports of the release of Captain Ezzo Charles Pello from detention;
- urging that, in view of conflicting reports about his treatment between 28 July 1992 and mid-September 1992, an independent and impartial investigation be carried out into reports that Captain Pello was subjected to torture (you should point out that the Togolese authorities are required to organize such an investigation under the terms of Article 12 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, to which Togo acceded in 1987);
- urging that the authorities bring to justice any members of the security forces or others found to have used or ordered the use of torture.

APPEALS TO:

1. President

Son Excellence Monsieur le Général
Gnassingbé Eyadéma
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Salutation: Monsieur le Président/Dear President

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2. Chief of Army Staff

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Salutation: Monsieur le Chef d'Etat-Major/Dear Chief of Army Staff

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Monsieur Joseph Kokou Koffigoh
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Salutation: Monsieur le Ministre/Dear Minister

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Salutation: Monsieur le Ministre/Dear Minister

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Lomé, Togo

and to diplomatic representatives of Togo accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 4 December 1992.